Expectant Dad Now Gets News

Red Cross Solves Problem of Getting Tidings to War Prisoners.

By BARBARA CALLAHAN
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ST. LOUIS. — Any man who has ever experienced the somewhat dubious thrill of pacing hospital corridors during the long, grey hours before the birth of his offspring will appreciate the plight of the expectant father interned in prisoner-of-war camps overseas. For a long time, the problem of how to bring the joyful news to the interned soldier in the least possible time was a difficult one for the Red Cross.

At first telegrams were sent to Red Cross chapters to find out whether the expected baby had been born, but this method brought about great delay in getting the message to the anxious internee and involved much expense and work. Inquiries from expectant fathers in German prison camps to Red Cross finally grew to such formidable proportions that some other means had to be found for getting the information. So the "baby statistics" department was set up.

He Gets the News.

Now the gratifying job of sending the long-awaited news of the birth of a son or daughter to the prisoner is accomplished quickly by the American service of the International Red Cross central agency for prisoners of war at Geneva, Switzerland. The American section receives complete lists of all births direct from the United States. As soon as an inquiry is received, it can be answered in most cases immediately to the supreme relief of the anxious internee.

Camp leaders, or men of confidence, who are elected by the prisoners and function with the approval of the German high command as the representative of the prisoners on all matters of camp conduct, report that the inclusion of "Baby Statistics" in the agency's service has done much to lift the morale of the interned men. Camp leaders agree that prisoners of war adjust much more readily to their plight if they are unworried over affairs at home.

Not even the most depressed prisoner of war can continue that way long when he learns that he is the father of a "red-headed daughter" or a son "with a foot like yours." Although limited supplies and the rigors of prisoner-of-war life make cigar passing and celebration impossible, leaders report that the new fathers strut like peacocks within their confines and boast with enthusiasm over their children whom they have never seen.

Waiting for Triplets.

Marghurita Strahler, head of the American service of the international agency, says 400 announcements were handled in 1944 through "baby statistics." The first set of triplets to be born to a prisoner of war is awaited anxiously by the workers in her section, although twins are now taken as a matter of course, she says. Contrary to the usual opinion regarding wartime births, the girls lead by a wide margin. Almost invariably, the boys are named for their fathers while fancy, romantic names are given the girls, according to Miss Strahler.

Besides performing a needed service to the prisoners, Miss Strahler says the "baby department" serves as a morale-builder for the women in her department. The department is the same one which must communicate notifications of capture or death. So the women who work day in and day out at this unpleasant task find a transfer to the baby department a delightful relief.

For the most part, the women in the American section love their work, Miss Strahler reports. They develop a maternal interest in the men in the section of the alphabet upon which they work. Frequently, they become genuinely attached to certain prisoners whose problems go through their hands, although they know only their names.

One woman, upon learning of the birth of a son to one of the men on her list, startled her coworkers by shouting, "Heavens, I'm a grandmother!"

Realty Man Exchanges Lot to Get Cigarettes

FORT MYERS, FLA.—A classified ad by a local real estate dealer offering to swap a lot in a swank residential section for 15 cartons of cigarettes brought quick results. Tom Phillips reported that there was a line of customers waiting at his office. Mrs. Rebecca Edwards, daughter of a cafe owner, the first in line, walked off with the deed to the 50 by 100 foot lot.

Phillips remarked: "I've got more lots than will power."

Strategic Ledo Road Cost a Life a Mile

WASHINGTON. — For every mile on the 1,044-mile Ledo road from India to China, there's a grave of an American soldier.

Disclosure of the cost of lives of building the route was made by the war department in a report that Negro troops formed 65 per cent of more than 15,000 soldiers in the construction forces.

Red Women Pilots Brilliant Fliers

Some of Their Exploits Are Almost Unbelievable.

WASHINGTON.—According to the Leatherneck, a marine magazine, Russian women are doing "brilliant" work as combat fliers. There is one all-woman air regiment of night bomber pilots, the Leatherneck said.

The magazine stated seven Russian women fighting pilots held the rating of ace, and that "some of the exploits of these girls are almost unbelievable."

Vera Lomako, 21, it was said, shot down her first Nazi plane a month before she had a baby, and her second two months after the infant was born.

Another, Capt. Nina Russakova, 28, was reported to be the wife of Major Dikolayev, and the two were said to be thought the "first husband and wife fighter team to fly in combat."

The night bomber group, the Leatherneck said, was commanded by Lt. Col. Evdokia Bershonskaya, 31, and even the ground crews in the units are all women. These fliers reputedly made 10,538 sorties against 800 Nazi objectives during a Russian offensive, with 136 girls winning decorations for valor under fire.

The Leatherneck said that at the beginning of the war the Russians attempted to discourage women from combat flying, but that the girls wouldn't take "no" for an answer.

"These Russian girls are no amazons," the magazine said. "Pictures show them to look like a group of American girls of the same age. Many of them are married to pilots flying on different fronts and some are fighting to avenge husbands who have been killed in air battles. But many of them are flying in combat because they refused to take a back seat when war came."

Army's Slot Machines Work Only With Slugs

WASHINGTON.—The army now is going in for slot machines that work only with slugs.

At the Pentagon building they have coffee shops all over the place for the 30,000 or so people in the war department's big building. These coffee shops have cigarette vending machines. The machines became increasingly popular when cigarettes got short. A special slug about the size of a nickel was devised. It has two long slots in it. The cigarette machines were then "fixed" so that they will work only with a bona fide dime and one of these slugs.

The slugs are legitimate, however. They are sold over the coffee counters—and at these counters only—for five cents. You may buy only one at a time. At eight o'clock in the morning, they go on sale. It assures the buyer of at least one pack a day. At seven at night, they go on sale again for those who work the late tricks.

Plasma Needle Proves Its Worth, Saves Flier

A B-29 BASE, SAIPAN. — When an explosive shell from a Jap fighter blew up in the lap of Sgt. Romeo Rendina of Detroit, over Nagoya, it provided the final test as to whether unskilled crew members could use a new type of needle for administering plasma.

They could and did—and that's why Rendina is alive today. It was proof that the intrasternal needle method of adminstering plasma can be used successfully by airmen although their medical ward is the crowded radio room of a shell-punctured B-29.

Medical men had believed that the intrasternal method could only be administered by a qualified doctor because a thrust with the needle in the wrong spot, or too deeply, might penetrate the heart or puncture a lung.

Hot Dog Hunger Cared for 485,000,000 Sent Over

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Up to December 5, the war department has disclosed, the army transportation corps delivered 485,000,000 "hot dogs" to troops in France, the Lowlands and Germany.

The frankfurters were included in 78,794 tons of perishable foods shipped to the front. Among other items were 467,000 turkeys, 2,500,000 chickens and 4,906 tons of butter.

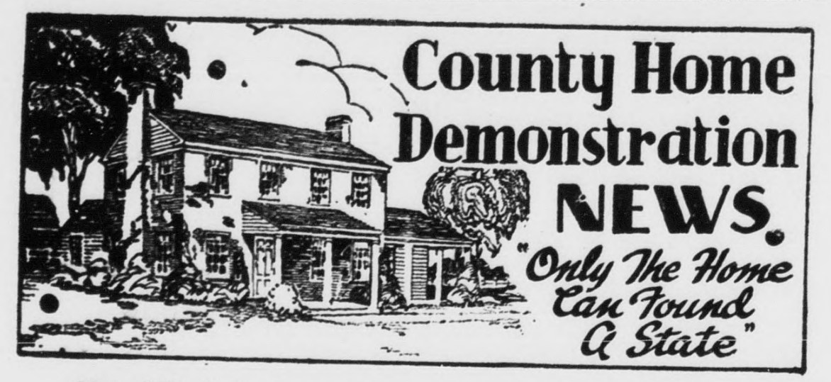
A miniature ice cream factory, capable of operating in a 120 degree temperature, has been developed by the army to supply ice cream to troops in the tropics. The machine weighs only 1,200 pounds and can be transported by truck or plane. It is equipped with a 2½ gallon freezer that produces ice cream in 7 to 14 minutes and with storage cabinets of 40 gallons capacity.

One Smith and Only One Jap; So Why Wake Him

WITH THE MARINES. — Cpl. Dean Smith of Wellesville, N. Y., was deep in a heavy sleep in a foxhole when roused by a noise. He saw his buddy, Ray Smith of Whitesville, N. Y., get to his knees with a knife in his hand and a dead Jap at his feet.

"Hey," Corporal Smith demanded, "why didn't you wake me up?"

The other Smith shrugged. "Aw, there was only one Jap."


County Home Demonstration NEWS
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Home Demonstration and 4-H Club Calender for week of June 4—9, 1945:

Monday, June 4- The Rocks Home Demonstration Club meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. John Henry Ranson at 2 P. M. Demonstration on Laundry will be given by Miss Elizabeth Otey, assistant home demonstration agent.

Tuesday, June 5- The Lee Home Demonstration Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Alex Cyrus, at 2 P. M. The demonstration will be on Ironing and will be given by club leaders, Mrs. Leslie Gordon and Mrs. L. T. Lucado. Timely information on Poultry and Gardening will be given by Mrs. F. A. O'Brien and Mrs. Jim Childers.

Wednesday, June 6- The Glendale Home Demonstration Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Howard Nash at 2 P. M.The demonstration will be given on Milk and Butter and will be given by Mrs. B. G. Anderson, home demonstration agent.

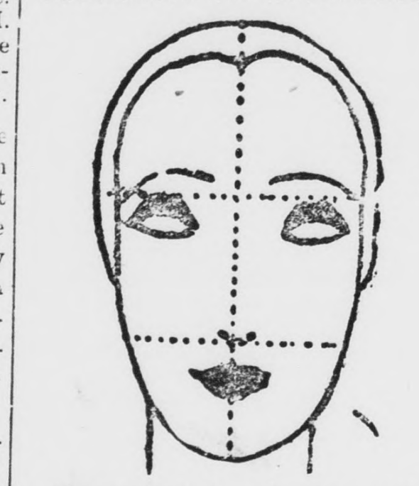
Thursday, June 7- The Hixburg Home Demonstration Club will meet in the home of Mrs J. T. Hix at 2 P. M. The demonstration on Ironing will be given by club leaders, Mrs. Edwin Fore and Mrs. Pat McPhillips.

Friday, June 8- The Pamplin 4-H Club will meet in the Home Economics room at school at 9.30 A. M., at which time they will work on clothing projects.

The Spout Spring 4-H Club will meet at 2 P. M. in the home of Miss Ilene McCann. The demonstration will be on Buying of Feed Bags for Summer Play Clothes, and will be given by Miss Elizabeth Otey, assistant agent.

Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE



Have you that perfect face shape, the Oval? If so, rejoice, but be careful! Use softly blended rouge close under the eyes, shaded to a pale "shadow" outward and downward. Soften the mouth with luscious, rich red lipstick shades. Pencil the eyebrows lightly, keep to the natural line.

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Pamplin

Pamplin, May 21.- Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Fore, Mrs. J. C. Fore, and infant son, Mrs. James Lipscomb, Jr. and Grover Fore, of Lynchburg were visitors in the home of Mrs. R. W. Richardson Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Rogers and children, of Oakville were the guests Sunday of their aunt, Mrs. R. W. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. B H. Southall and family were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morris, of Farmville. Johnny C. Morris, Cox., of the Navy, accompanied them home.

Pamplin, May 28.- Sunday dinner guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall were Mr. and Mrs. E. N Cunningham, of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. R F. Longsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilson and R. W. Brightwell.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Terry were A. B. Chandler, U. S. Navy, Mrs. A. B Chandler, Mrs Joseph Terry, of Appomattox, and Miss Elizabeth Terry, of Farmville State Teachers College.

Mr. and Mrs. C W. Moore and family and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis were guests in the home of Mrs. K. L. McKinney Sunday.

Miss Ernestine Neal, of Farmville was the week-end guest of Miss Sadie Wooton.

Miss Sadie Wooton was hostess to the Y. W. A. of Elon Church last Tuesday evening. Mrs. R. S. Baldwin was program leader.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Lee Mapes Sticks His Neck Out

We had a meeting at the Town Hall Friday night, and when Homer Bently spoke up for a new roof for the schoolhouse, Lee Mapes interrupts him.

"How long you been in this town?" Lee demands.

"Fourteen years," says Homer proudly.

"Then you keep quiet!" says Lee. "We can't have transients running things in our town."

I'm glad to report that all of us voted Lee down and let Homer have his say. I'm glad not just because the school did need a new roof, but because it doesn't do to let intolerance and prejudice creep into a community.

Whether a man's stayed "put" a lifetime or a year, whether he works with his head or his hands, drinks beer or buttermilk—so long as he's a good American he has a right to speak his mind, and have his opinions (however different they may be) respected.

Joe Marsh

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ce Jap War Plan to Parley

in 1930 They Schemed o Block United States With Submarines.

SHINGTON.—As early as 1930 spread a smokescreen of and diplomatic double which may have helped to dis- her intentions in Asia and the c.

is suggested by the release of department papers relating to rican foreign affairs in 1930, the of the naval disarmament conce in London, according to the ciated Press.

papers show the Japanese at conference were seeking to get prevailing naval ratio of 10-10-6 merica, Britain and Japan, set he Washington naval treaty in revised to 10-10-7. Japanese l experts told American naval ches in Tokyo that if Japan had thing less than 7 to America's naval strength she would inbly lose any war in which the powers might become involved.

Quick Decision.

e theory they spread was that e event of war, America would a quick decision, because a war attrition would use up American chant shipping and lose Ameri- carrying trade to rivals.

e American fleet, they theod, would go immediately from arl Harbor to Manila if war uld be declared, and, as a coun- measure, the Japanese would in- cept them with a large fleet of marines operating from the Mar- ll and Caroline islands.

All this was reported at the time the state department by William Castle Jr., then American ambas- dor in Tokyo.

He further reported that Masanao anihara, former Japanese ambas- dor to the United States, had lled upon him with a story about w public opinion in Japan feared American attack because it was lieved American naval plans cov- ed the possibility of war with Ja- n to compel Japanese acceptance American ideas regarding China.

'Acting Under Instructions.'

Hanihara told Castle that war with United States would be the worst ssible disaster for Japan, and Ja- n could never think of it. Castle formed the department that Hani- ara was obviously acting under in- tructions. He said he told Hanihara at "our aims approximated the apanese as both countries wanted nly a China which was substantial- y and politically sound."

Against this background, the vents of the next 11 years stand ut:

The next year, 1931, Japan struck n Manchuria, in a campaign of ag- ression against China which con- tinues today.

In 1941 the Japanese struck first in the Pacific and attempted to force a decision themselves by knocking out Pearl Harbor and capturing Manila quickly.

Their alleged plans about using submarine fleets to stop American naval advance through the Marshalls and Carolines did not materialize. One of the great mysteries of this war is the little Japanese submarine activity that has been reported.

100,000 Nazi Prisoners Will Be Brought to U. S.

WASHINGTON. — An additional 100,000 German war prisoners will be brought to this country to ease the labor shortage here and the burden of guarding them abroad. Their arrival will swell the total in the United States to more than 400,000. A war department announcement said they will be used only for essential work for which no civilian labor is available.

Cigarette Shortage Is Recognized by Judge

BIRMINGHAM.—Police Judge Oliver B. Hall has accorded the cigarette shortage judicial recognition. He was resuming court after a recess when he noticed a witness with a just-lighted cigarette. He hastily called a second recess and said to the smoker:

"Go ahead and finish your smoke and then I'll call court to order again."

Foxhole Surprise on Western Front Reported

HICKORY, N. C.—Dawn came on the Western front, Sgt. Robert Adams wrote his parents, and he tried to awaken his unknown foxhole companion.

Adams gave up and went to chow. When he returned he shouted again at his sleeping companion.

This time the response was quick. It was—"Kamerad!"

Returning Veterans Assured of U. S. Jobs

WASHINGTON. — Any person in nontemporary government jobs formerly held by returning soldiers will be displaced so the veterans can have their places, if the old job exists, a civil service spokesman said. If old jobs no longer exist, returning veterans will be put back in jobs of like status and pay.

Bethany

Bethany, May 23.- Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Harvey visited Millard Harvey Sunday afternoon, who has returned from the hospital.

Mrs. Katie Allen is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Meade Crews, of Nathalie.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Paulette and children, of Prospect spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette.

Mrs. Ruth Jennings and Douglas Jennings visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wooldridge Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wooldridge, of Covington visited in this home.

Curtis Ora and Dorothy Ann Paulette visited Mrs. Mildred Clark Sunday morning in the home of Mrs. Charlie Evans.

"Red" Paulette spent Wednesday night with Irma Harvey, of Evergreen.

Mrs. Walker Jennings spent last Tuesday with her sistr, Mrs. Ruth Jennings.

Miss Virginia Paulette is visiting her sister in Lynchburg, who is sick.

A. W. Paulette is a patient at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Japs may be moving out of Hongkong and Canton.

London having coffee shortage.

Himmler dumped in an unmarked grave, wrapped in blanket.

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Cpl. Richard E. Dennis has been overseas for almost two years and has two Bronze Stars, and went into France on D-Day plus one. He is the son of Mrs. Mamie Dennis.

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